reusable and environment friendly safety measures. However, paper mills adopting recycling and using non-conventional raw materials are entitled to concessional excise and customs duty. Paper and Paper-board produced by using more than 75% non-conventional raw material has been exempted from payment of excise duty upto first clearance of 3500 M.T. per annum. Import of waste paper by paper mills is also allowed at a concessional rate of 5% basic customs duty.

Price stabilisation fund for plantation sector

1101. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a high level Committee to look into the creation of a Price Stabilisation Fund for the plantation sector;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Government; and

(c) if so, the recommendations of the Committee and the status of implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) On the basis of the recommendations of the Committee the Government has approved the setting up of a Price Stabilisation Fund for the benefit of the growers of tea, coffee, rubber and tobacco.

Anti-dumping proceedings of USA against Indian Steel

1102. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1649 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th March, 2002 and state:

(a) the steps Government have taken against anti-dumping proceedings of USA against Indian Steel; and

(b) the results achieved, so far, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) The initiation of anti-dumping investigation is against the pricing factor relating to the